

PROCEEDINGS  
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*Stated Meeting, August 19, 1859.*

Present, three members.

Dr. JOHN L. LE CONTE, Secretary, in the Chair.

A letter was read from Prof. Dickson, dated at Phila. Aug. 5, 1859, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election.

The following donations for the Library were announced:—

Patent Office Report for 1857. Wash. 1858.—*From the U. S. G.*  
U. S. Coast S. Report for 1857. Wash. 1858.—*Supt. U. S. C. S.*  
Washington Observatory during 1849, 1850.—*From M. F. Maury.*  
Astronomical Journal. No. 126. Cambridge.—*From B. A. Gould.*  
Monthly Notices, R. A. Soc. XIX. 8. London.—*From the Soc.*  
Proceedings Acad. Nat. Sci. 13. Philadelphia.—*From the Society.*  
Journ. Franklin Institute. Aug. 1859. Phila.—*From the Institute.*  
Med. News and Library. Aug. 1859. Phila.—*Blanchard & Lea.*  
Index Catalogue, Public Library of Boston.—*From Prof. Jewett.*  
Supplement, By-laws, 6th Report, &c. of the same.—*Prof. Jewett.*  
An. Report N. Y. State Library. Albany, 1859.—*The Trustees.*  
11th An. Report, Maryland Inst. Baltimore, 1859.—*From the Ins.*  
Sitzungsberichte K. A. Math.-Nat. C. XXIV. B. III. H. No. 5—6, 7,  
8, 9, 10. XXVIII B, No. 1—26. Phil.-Hist. C. XXIII. B. V. H.  
No. 5—10, 1—8. Almanach 8th year, 1858, and Festrede by  
Karajan.—*From the Academy of Sciences at Vienna.*

A communication for the Transactions, was received from Prof. Loomis, entitled OBSERVATIONS OF THE MAGNETIC DIP IN THE UNITED STATES, by Elias Loomis, Professor of Math-

ematics and Natural Philosophy in the University of the City of New York, and referred to a committee consisting of Prof. Kendall, Dr Bridges and Mr. Lesley.

Pending nomination No. 392 was read, and the Society was adjourned.

*Stated Meeting, September 16, 1859.*

Present, twelve members.

Prof. CRESSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A letter was read from the American Oriental Society, dated New Haven, July, 1859, announcing the transmission of a donation to the Library, and requesting exchanges.

A letter was read from M. F. Maury, dated Washington, Sep. 2, 1859, inclosing a communication from Com. Wüllerstorff, just returned from a scientific voyage of circumnavigation in the Austrian Frigate Novara, entitled, *Essay upon the determination of the form of the earth by means of simultaneous observations with the barometer and aneroid.*

A letter was read from G. A. Matile dated Phila. Aug. 27, in relation to the publications of the Roy. Acad. at Brussels.

The following donations for the Library were announced:—

Amer. Journal No. 83, September. N. Haven.—*From the Editors.*  
 Frank. Inst. Journal. No. 405. Sept. Phila.—*From the Institute.*  
 Med. News and Library. No. 201. Sept. Phila.—*From the Eds.*  
 African Repos. XXXV. No. 8. Aug. Wash.—*Amer. Col. Soc.*  
 Astronomical Notices, No. 7, 8. Albany.—*From the Editors.*  
 Proc. Boston N. H. Soc. VII. 5, 6, Boston.—*From the Society.*  
 Proceedings Acad. Nat. Sci. 14. Philadelphia.—*From the Acad.*  
 Proc. N. Jersey Hist. Soc. VIII. 4. Newark.—*From the Society.*  
 Journal Amer. Oriental Society from the beginning.—*From the Soc.*  
 Journ. Elliot S. N. H. Vol. 1, 2. Charleston.—*From the Soc.*  
 N. Y. Mercan. Lib. As. 38th An. Rep. 1858–9.—*From the Asso.*  
 La Bourgogne, revue Œnologique, 1 liv. Dijon.—*C. Ladrey, Ed.*  
 Die principien der heutigen physik. Oration by Dr. Andreas, R. von Ettinghausen. Oct. 29, 1857. Wien.—*I. R. Academy.*  
 Inquiries concerning a charge of interception in No. 124 of Gould's  
 Astronomical Journal, by John Patterson. Albany.